

State of Mississippi

Mississippi Department of
Agriculture and Commerce

Agriculture Fact Sheet Horticulture 2015



- In 2015, Mississippi had \$112 million in horticulture crops produced, excluding sweet potatoes.
- Horticulture crops include:
 - Vegetables
 - Melons
 - Potatoes
 - Fruits
 - Tree nuts
 - Berries
 - Nursery
 - Greenhouses
 - Floriculture
 - Sod
 - Christmas trees

- The favorable soil and weather conditions in Mississippi make growing common domestic fruits and vegetables ideal.
- Mississippi's long growing season, from early spring to late fall, allows vegetable farmers at least two crops per year. Depending on what area of the state as well as the crop, some farmers grow as many as three crops per year.
- Recent studies show U.S. per capita consumption of fresh vegetables, excluding potatoes, to be 140 pounds per year.
- Fresh fruit consumption is about 104 pounds per person per year on average.

Source: Mississippi State University & USDA-NASS



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